



**The U.S. Department of State
Middle East Partnership Initiative
Announces the**

Tomorrow's Leaders Scholarship Program

The U.S. Department of State's Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI) and AMIDEAST are pleased to announce this year's recruitment for the **Tomorrow's Leaders Scholarship Program**. The Tomorrow's Leaders Scholarship Program is a MEPI initiative for capable and highly motivated high school seniors in the Middle East and North Africa who are from underserved backgrounds. The program will provide four-year university scholarships and internship opportunities at select institutions of higher learning in the Middle East to students who have the potential to become leaders.

Eligible students include men and women who represent the region's cultural, religious, and geographic diversity and are from socio-economically disadvantaged backgrounds, who could otherwise gain admission to, but would be unable to afford, four years of college. Tomorrow's Leaders scholarship recipients should be prepared to begin the program in the Fall 2010 term.

The primary objective of MEPI's Tomorrow's Leaders scholarship program is to build a cadre of university-age leaders who are civic-minded, intellectually able, and professionally skilled, and who will become the community, business, and national leaders of the future. The program intends to nurture leadership skills and the spirit of civic engagement and volunteerism among outstanding university-age students at the American University of Beirut, the American University in Cairo, and the Lebanese American University. Selected students will join the 54 Tomorrow's Leaders already studying at these universities.

Scholarship recipients may pursue an undergraduate degree in a selected field at one of the three host institutions.. In addition to their studies, recipients will be expected to engage in community service activities and participate in internships.

Participation in the program includes: travel, academic fees for four years of university at AUB, AUC, or LAU, a study abroad experience in the U.S., accident and sickness insurance, housing, and a monthly allowance.

Eligibility:

- High school senior or applicant who graduated from high school in 2009;
- A citizen, national, or resident of the United Arab Emirates (Citizens and those qualified to hold a valid passport are given priority; residents who are citizens of Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco, Qatar, Tunisia, West Bank/Gaza, or Yemen may be considered);
- Strong academic credentials;
- Proficiency in written and spoken English with a minimum Institutional TOEFL (ITP) score of 500 that is less than two years old;
- Maturity, flexibility and leadership potential;
- Ability to start the program in the summer of 2010.

Note: American citizens are not eligible

If you do not have a TOEFL score, or if your score is more than two years old, contact AMIDEAST for test scheduling

Deadline for submitting the application is December 15, 2009.

The application is available online at www.amideast.org/tl or at your local AMIDEAST.

For more information about the Middle East Partnership Initiative, please go to: www.mepi.state.gov.

